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THE JESUITS

MANNER of CONSECRATING

Both the

PERSONS and WEAPONS

Employ'd for the Murdering

KINGS and PRINCES

By them accounted HERETICKS,

Being Matter of Fact.

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in the following words.*

THE *Jesuites* have ready prepar'd (for having so much mony at command, they can take Leases where they please) several *Mansions of Rest and Beatitude*, so order'd by vertue of their Transcending Charms, ready hung, fitted and furnish'd for the reception of those *Ajaxe's*, who being more stout then subtle, are by them drawn in and inveigled to the barbarous execution of what they more barbarously meditate and consult. Those deluded Villains, and Religious *Braves*, they bless, they sanctifie, and canonize at length for Saints, assuming to themselves a large Canton in Heaven for their reward.

The person whose silly reason the *Jesuites* have once overcome with their more potent Arguments, is immediately conducted into their *Sanctum Sanctorum*, de-

sign'd for prayer and meditation. There the Dagger is produc'd, choicely wrapt up in a linnen safeguard, enclos'd in an Ivory Sheath, engrav'd with several enigmatical Characters, and accompanied with an *Agnus Dei*. Certainly a most monstrous copulation, so unadvisedly to intermix the height of murdrous Villany, and the most sacred emblem of Meekness together.

This Dagger thus unsheathe'd, is hypocritically bedew'd with holy water, and the handle as soon adorn'd with a certain number of Coral Beads, thereby ascertaining the credulous Fool, that as many effectual slabs as he gives the assassinated Prince, so many souls he should redeem out of Purgatory upon his own account. Then they deliver the Dagger into the *Parricide's* hand, with a solemn recommendation in these words, *Elected Son of God, receive the Sword of Jephtha, the Sword of Sampson; the Sword of David wherewith he smote off the head of Goliah, the Sword of Gideon, the Sword of Judith, the Sword of the Maccabees, the Sword of Pope Julius the second, wherewith he freed himself from the prosecution of Princes, after he had defil'd several Cities with the effusion of Christian Blood; Go and prosper, prudently courageous, and the Lord strengthen thy Arm.* Which words being once pronounced, they all fall upon their knees; at what time the Head of the Society pronounces this Exorcism;

Ascend O Cherubims; descend and be present O Seraphims, you Thrones, you Powers, you holy Angels, come down, and fill this blessed Vessel with eternal glory, and daily offer to him, 'tis but a small reward, the Crown of the blessed Virgin Mary, and of all the holy Patriarchs and Martyrs. He is up more concern'd among us, he is now of our Celestial Fraternity. And thou, O God, most terrible

rible and inaccessible, who yet hast reveal'd to this instrument of thine, in thy dedicated place of our Prayer and Meditation, that such a Prince is to be cut off as a Tyrant and a Heretick, and his Dominions to be translated to another Line, confirm and strengthen, we beseech thee this Instrument of thine, whom we have consecrated and dedicated to that sacred Office, that he may be able to accomplish thy will. Grant him the Habergeon of thy Divine Omnipotency, that he may be enabled to escape the hands of his pursuers. Give him wings, that he may escape the hands of all that lye in wait for his destruction. Infuse into his soul the beams of thy consolation, to uphold and sustain the weak fabrick of his body, that contemning all fear, he may be able to shew a chearful and lively countenance in the midst of present torments, or prolong'd Imprisonments; and that he may sing and rejoice with a more than ordinary exultation, whatever death he undergoeth.

The Exorcism being finish'd, the Parricide is brought to the Altar, over which at that time hangs a picture containing the story of *James Clement*, a Dominican Monk, with the figures of several Angels protecting and conducting him to Heaven. This Picture the Jesuites drew their Cullie, and at the same time, presenting him with a celestial Coronet, rehearse these words, *Lord, look down, and behold this Arm of thine, the Executioner of thy Justice. Let all thy Saints arise and give place to him.* Which Ceremonies being ended, there are only five Jesuites deputed to converse with, and keep the Parricide Company. Who in their common discourse make it their busines upon all occasions to fill his ears with their divine wheedles, making him

him believe a certain celestial splendour to be shining in his countenance, by the beams whereof they are over-awd to throw themselves down before him, and to kiss his feet; appearing to them now no more a mortal, but transfigur'd into a Deity. And lastly in a deep dissimulation they bewail themselves, and feign a kind of Envy at the happiness and eternal Glory which he is so suddenly to enjoy, exclaiming thus before the Credulous Manslayer; *Would to God the Lord had chosen me in thy stead, and had so ordered it by this means, that being freed from the pains of Purgatory, I might go directly without let, into Paradise.*

But if the person whom they imagin proper to attempt the Parricide prove any thing squeamish, or reluctant to their exhortations, then by nocturnal Scarecrows, and affrighting apparitions, or by the suborn'd appearances of the Holy Virgin, or some other of the Saints, even of *Ignatius Loyola* himself, or some of his most celebrated Associates, they terrifie the soon retriv'd misbeliever into a complyance with a ready prepar'd oath, which they inforce him to take and wherewith they animate and encourage his staggering Resolution. Thus these villainous and impious Doctors in the Art of Murder and Parricide sometimes by the terrors of punishment, sometimes by the allurements of merit enflame the courages of the unwary, and having entangl'd them in the noozes of sacrilegious and bloody attempts, precipitate both soul and body into eternal condemnation.

Story mentions a sort of People formerly notorious in the Eastern parts of the world, whom the most Historians

storians call *Assassins*, that is to say, murderers of Princes and great men. These being followers of the *Mahometan* Religion, instituted a new Sect, of which the first founder was *Aloadim*, accounted a Saint and a Prophet by those of his own Gang. This Order soon began to flourish, being more remarkable then any other of the *Mahometan* belief, for the beauty of their Colledges, and the pleasantness of their Habitations. Which were confirm'd upon them with large endowments, for the Instruction of youth in the *Mahometan* profession, among whom they had the priviledg to cull out the boldest resolutions and the choicest Fancies.

The Principal Tenents of this sect were these.

1. That *Mahomet* was the Prophet of God, the restorer of lost mankind, and the rewarder of Good and Evil.
2. That the Chief and Prince of this sect was his Vicar upon Earth, the only interpreter of the Divine and Human law deliver'd by *Mahomet*.
3. That it was just and legal to kill and murder all Princes, that were not obedient in all things to him, either by open force or private contrivance, as opportunity offer'd.
4. That his Disciples were not bound or oblig'd in their allegiance to any Prince, whatever oathes they took to be true to him.
5. That Paradise was a Garden flowing with milk and hony, and abounding in all manner of sensual pleasures and delights.
6. That whosoever should kill any Prince, an Enemy to their law, should enjoy the next place in Paradise, to *Mahomet* himself.
7. That it was in the power of this Vicar of *Mahomet*, by a particular Grant or Pattent from *Mahomet*,

met, to distribute and share the joys of Paradise, to such as he should think deserving,

With these pestilent, and abominable maxims, did they leaven and corrupt the education of all the Youth that came within their Clutches, to render them the more obedient to their Principles, and to make them the more undaunted in such dangerous attempts which they themselves should put them upon. The particular Disciples of this Doctrine, being first stupefied with a potion of *Opiate*, were carried into a Garden adjoyning to the Colledge, where when they awak'd again, all sorts of delights and pleasures waited on them. Streams of Hony, Wine and Milk; Variety of Musique, sumptuous Garments, and costly provision to please the Palate; neither were lovely Women wanting; all which pleasures they enjoy'd to full satiety. Afterwards when they had had a full enjoyment of all these pleasures, they were again laid asleep with another draught of *Opiate*, and carry'd back into the Colledge. When they came to themselves again (to use the words of *Paulus Venetus*) and call'd to mind, what pleasures they had for so small a time enjoy'd, they began to be troubl'd that those pleasures were too short. But being instructed upon what accompt they might enjoy them to Eternity, they began to be in love with death, and to contemn all thoughts of danger that should bring them to these everlasting pleasures, of which they had had such a transitory taste already. Then their Doctor, who fain'd himself to be the Prophet of God, laying hold of the opportunity; *Be but prepar'd*, said he, *in obedience to me, to suffer Death undauntedly when occasion shall serve, and you shall eternally enjoy*

enjoy those pleasures, which were here too short. Upon which, those miserable wretches, believing death to be so great a gain, willingly condescend, and swear to obey him in all things; whatever he shall enjoyn, though to the loss of their Lives. And thus this Tyrant over Souls, animates and instigates these credulous admirers of sensual Pleasure, to commit the most Execrable Murthers and Villanies that Revenge or Interest can contrive. Thus far *Paulus Venetus*, with whom *Nicetas Choniates* agrees in these words, They go and reside as Friends and Subjects of those Princes, whom they are design'd to murther, and faining private busines, or the publick imployment of Envoys or Embassadours, in secret Conference dispatch the Prince appointed for the slaughter; never considering the difficulty of the attempt, nor the severe punishment of such an abominated Crime: And this they do to render themselves formidable to all men; and that none should dare to withstand their Fury. Whereby it came to pass, that many Regions and Princes became Tributary to this Tyrant, till he was by the *Tartars* put to death for a false Prophet, and all the whole crew of Homicides quite extinguish'd in the Year 1262.

The same Education do the *Jesuites* give their Scholars in all their Schooles and Colledges, inflaming the Courages of their Disciples to all acts of impious Violence and Villany, under the specious pretence of doing God good service; which being once imprinted in a mind, animated with the hopes of eternal happiness, is enough to guide the rash hand of Impiety to the Sacred Breast of the greatest Prince in the World,

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